

Community Lutheran Church

December 4, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, as we journey through Advent and approach the Christmas season, we rejoice in Your great goodness toward us, yet we also come before Your throne burdened by our sins of the past. We thank You for Your continued blessings and faithfulness toward us. Yet, we realize that we have not always lived the Christian life and have often succumbed to unrighteous living. We come now in repentance and humbly seek Your pardon and mercy, pleading only the merits of Jesus on the cross. Please forgive us, for the sake of Christ's suffering and death, and may our lives continue to serve our Savior in Advent joy and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) We are encouraged by the Bible which tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and according to His Word and promise, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Pianist: Aretta Englehardt

Children's Sermonette

Thy Loving Kindness #69

Pastor Robert McDonald

"...on tiptoes!"

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson for the Day

Isaiah 11:1-5, 9-10

A Branch from David's Line

- 1 Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.
- 2 And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
- 3 He will delight in obeying the Lord. He will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay.
- 4 He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited.
 The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.
- 5 He will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment.
- 9 Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.
- 10 In that day the heir to David's throne

will be a banner of salvation to all the world.

The nations will rally to him,

and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

Epistle Romans 15:5-13

⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. ⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. ⁸ Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. ⁹ He also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote: "For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles;

I will sing praises to your name."

¹⁰ And in another place it is written,

"Rejoice with his people,

you Gentiles."

¹¹ And yet again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles.

Praise him, all you people of the earth."

¹² And in another place Isaiah said,

"The heir to David's throne will come, and he will rule over the Gentiles.

They will place their hope on him."

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:7-11, 25-28, 34-36

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he added, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

²⁵ "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. ²⁶ People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy #262

³⁴ "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

Sermon

Pastor Robert McDonald

"Jesus speaks of the end of all things!"

Luke 21:28

Communion Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul #493

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen!

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

The Lord Bless You And Keep You # 607

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord! (Everyone) Thanks be to God!

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Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service.

They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.

Things going on during the week:

Monday—<u>Little Blessings Christian Preschool:</u> "Theme: A Time to Give & Share Letter: Kk Bible: God gets ready for a Savior."

Tuesday--Kinship Group: At church from 5:30—8:00 pm. This is a support group for grandparents who are helping to raise their grandkids.

Wednesday--Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.

Wednesday--Youth Group Meeting: At "The Shack" from 6:30 - 8 pm. Please pray that we will be able to reach the youth of our community.

Thursday—**Potluck Dinner & Bible Study**: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Requests

In order for us to be sensitive to everyone's needs regarding prayer requests, please mark the Connection Card very clearly as to whether you want our prayer chain to pray for you or if it is something you want kept private between you and Pastor. Our prayer chain encompasses a large percentage of our members. We will try calling/emailing if we are unsure how you want your request handled.

Mark Your Calendars!

November 30 thru December 21, Wednesday, Advent Services -- At church starting at 6:15 pm with soup dinner followed by worship at 7 pm.

<u>December 11, Sunday, Second Sunday</u> -- Our Preschool Kids will be having their Christmas program. We'll have a potluck lunch following worship service.

<u>December 17, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution</u>--At the Shack from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. <u>Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!</u>

<u>December 17, Saturday -- Women's Bible Study lead by Debbie Giles</u>--At church following food distribution about 11 am.

December 24, Saturday, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -- At 7:00 pm.

December 25, Sunday, Christmas Service -- At 10:00 am.

January 1, 2017, Sunday, New Year's Day Service -- At 10:00 am.

November / December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

Nov. 22nd—Angela Hackett 29th—Jayden Torres (PS) Dec. 12th—Sharlene Miller 15th—Bob Ommen 17th—Pastor Ralph Buchhorn 19th—Pastor Robert McDonald 25th—Jesus 27th—Aleena Guzman (PS) 28th—Randy Ommen 30th—Bob Miller

Anniversaries

29th—Duane & Marjie Ericson

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<u>Church Office</u> (760) 722-3337

Office Hours: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm **& Saturdays** 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sandy Dahl, Church Secretary sandy@cloceanside.com

Little Blessings Christian Preschool (760) 722-1705

Preschool Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

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Weekly Schedule:

Sundays 10:00 am Worship Service

11:15 am Community Fellowship Time Refreshments in the Courtyard

Second Sunday Preschool Kids Sing during Worship,

Potluck Lunch following Worship

Wednesdays 5:00 pm Choir Practice—At church at 5 pm Soup Supper and Advent Service at 7:00

Thursdays 6:15 pm Dinner and Bible Study

Thursdays 6:00 pm "4th Thursday"—Dinner for the Preschool Families

The Fourth Thursday of each month

Saturdays 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

The First Saturday of each month.

10:00 am Free Food Distribution

The Third Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am

11:00 am Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles

The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month.